

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Yasuhiro NAKANO et al.

Group Art Unit: 1797

Appl. No.: 10/567,022

Examiner: Marjorie Ellen Christian

I.A. Filed: August 4, 2004

Confirmation No.: 9439

For: COMPOSITE POROUS MEMBRANE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were cited in a Supplementary European Search Report that was issued in the European Patent Application No. 04771202.0-1521. The European Application is a corresponding application of the above-captioned application. Applicants also submit herewith a copy of the Supplementary European Search Report.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, copies of U.S. patents and published applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

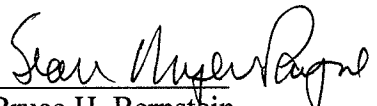
The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of the documents listed in the Form PTO-1449, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants note that this Supplemental IDS is being filed more than three months from the filing date, and Applicants have not received an action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the above-identified documents is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

However, if a fee is required for any reason, then this should be considered express authorization to charge any necessary fee for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
Yasuhiro NAKANO et al.


Bruce H. Bernstein
Reg. No. 29,027 42,920

July 2, 2009
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
1950 Roland Clarke Place
Reston, VA 20191
(703) 716-1191